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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheet(s).

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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**I. Basis of the report****1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\***

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1 - 7, as originally filed,  
pages 8, 9, filed with the demand,  
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☒ the claims, pages 10 - 13, as originally filed,  
pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,  
pages , filed with the demand,  
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☒ the drawings, pages 1/4 - 4/4, as originally filed,  
pages , filed with the demand,  
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
pages , as originally filed  
pages , filed with the demand  
pages , received on with the letter of

**2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.**

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

**3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:**

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

**4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:**

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig.

**5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\***

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 26	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 - 26	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 26	YES
	Claims	NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Claims 1-26 are considered to be novel and involve inventive step because no individual citation or obvious combination of citations teach or suggest "a memory aid comprising a display having a plurality of display zones, each display zone adapted to provide a display independently of the other display zones, each display zone capable of sequentially displaying the letters of an alphabet and a control adapted to cause the sequential display of the letters at each display zone", as claimed in the independent claim 1.

Claims 1-26 have been considered to have industrial applicability.

desired letter is found, then moving to the central display zone and then to the right hand display zone.

According to a sixth embodiment of the invention the device comprises a software package which can be installed into a computer which is able to provide  
5 a display similar to that of the first or second or third embodiment and where the scrolling of the display at each display zone and be controlled from the keyboard of the computer and/or my means of a mouse or equivalent accessory. In addition the software may include a memory activating means whereby the user is able to retain the outcome of inquiries which a can be selectively displayed on  
10 a particular combination of letters being selected.

According to a seventh embodiment of the invention the device comprises a programme which can be installed into a computer whereby the programme of the software package is able to control the computer which is able to provide a display similar to that of the fourth or fifth embodiment and where the scrolling of  
15 the display at each display zone and be controlled from the keyboard of the computer and/or my means of a mouse or equivalent accessory.

According to an eight embodiment further embodiment which is a variation of the seventh embodiment the software includes a memory activating means whereby the user is able to retain the outcome of inquiries which a can be selectively  
20 displayed on a particular combination of letters being selected.

According to a ninth embodiment of the invention the programme of the seventh embodiment is incorporated into the processor of a mobile telephone (or cell phone) having a visual display, whereby the programme can be activated from the keypad of the telephone and operated by use of the keypad. According to  
25 the embodiment the programme is accessible from the menu of the telephone and can be available under the Extras or Options sub-directory. Once accessed the display will display three (3) letter A's. The keypad can then be used to scroll through the letters of the alphabet at each location on the display in that:

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- keys "1" and "7" can be used to scroll up and down through the left hand letters;
- keys 2 and 8 can be used to scroll up and down through the middle letters; and
- 5      • keys 3 and 9 can be used to scroll up and down through the right hand letters.

The sequence of each set of letters corresponds to that of the previous embodiments

- 10 Throughout the specification, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise" or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or group of integers but not the exclusion of any other integer or group of integers.

It should be appreciated that the scope of the invention need not be limited to the particular scope of any of the embodiments or the applications referred to.